



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF
WATER

Mr. Gordon Sommers
Earthjustice
1625 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) No. EPA-HQ-2016-006248

Dear Mr. Sommers,

This is regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of May 2, 2016, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for copies of completed reports, inventories, or analysis that quantify or discuss the social or economic impacts of implementing the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act (RLDWA); and any records discussing interactions of the RLDWA with state laws.

The EPA considers these records to be internal deliberate in the development on an active rulemaking and we are withholding the records under Exemption 5, 5 USC 552(b)(5). *sf*

You may appeal this response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), FAX: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the FOIA number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Burneson", is written over a large, stylized blue "X" mark.

Eric Burneson, Director
Standards and Risk Management Division